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- Army Unit No. 5200 is the 50th Infantry Regiment stationed at Marianske Laune. The unit is subordinate to the 13th Infantry Division, Unit No. 1535, located at Karlovy Vary. The 50th Regiment was formerly located at Lazne Kynzwitt (N51/P56) but was transferred during March 1949 to Marianske Lazne, where the construction of the new caserne is not quite complete.
- 2. The 50th Infantry Regiment was commanded by Col. Adam Travnicky until 1 July 1950, when he was transferred to Prague, probably to the General Staff. Travnicky was born about 1895 and is a fanatical Communist. His successor will be Maj, Bitschov who is allegedly attending school and who therefore has not yet taken over command of the writ. In the meantime the unit is under the command of Staff Capt. Machala.
- 3. The regiment consists of the following units:

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- a. 1st Infantry Company Located at Dolni Zandov (N51/Pl;6). Jeapons: Rifles, model 97; Czech light machine guns; and Gezman sub-machine guns, model 44N.
- 2nd Infantry Company located at Dolni Zandov. Jeapons: Rifles, movel 97; Czech light machine puns; and Gorman sub-machine guns, nodel WW.
- 3rd Enfantry Company Rocated at Marianske Lazne. Weapons: Rifler, model 97; Czech light machine guns; and German sub-machine guns, model 441.
- d. Heavy machine gun company located at Harlanske Lazne. Respuss Air-cooled weapons of Czech make.
- Sub-machine gun company located at Marianske Mazne. Weapons: Grach 9 mm sub-machine guns, model 48.
- f. Heavy arms company located at Prameny. Weapons: Guns (sic) model 42 and 37S (Soviet), 45 cal., and German 82 mm mortars.

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- g. Gun battery located at Marianske Lazne. Weapons: 76 mm howitzers and Soviet 120 mm mortars.
- h. Motorized squad located at Marianske Lazne.
- Supplementary company located at Mosto Tepla (N50/F66).
- Commander's company Located at Marianska Lazne.
- k. Technical company located at Marianske Mazne.
- 1. Also attached to the regiment is a Signal Squad which is equipped with German telephones, Soviet radio sets which can be carried on the men's backs, and small radio-telephone sending and receiving sets of German make.
- The commend of the 50th Enfantry Regiment has the following vehicles at its disposal:

 - 8 5-ton trucks, Praga RW. 4 automobiles, Wanderer, Skoda and Praga. 2 Terrain (sic) cars, Skoda Tudor.

 - 10 new motorcycles, Jawa, cylinder capacity 1.5 liters. 1.80 horses.
- Supplies of live ammunition, arms and clothing are maintained within the caserna at Marianske Lazne. However, the main armunition dump of the regiment is located in the forest near Marianske Lazne between the villages of Dumoul (N50/P56) and Howernily (N50/P56) near the Lido swimming pool. The dump is surrounded by a barbod-wire fence and is guarded by mine men and one officer. The area near the fence has been mined and posted with signs, "Careful, danger to life, mines". Since February 1950 when these mines were laid, an operations officer has been assigned to maintain contact with all units of the 50th Infantry Regiment not in Marianske Lazne, as well as border guard units and SNB stations, by means of both civilian and field telephone, so as to assume that everything is in order and that the telephone lines are working.
- 6. The main ammunition dump for the 13th Infantry Division at Karlovy Vary is located near Dolni Kluboka (N51/P67) in a wood south of Stari Dvur. The latter community is located on the road between Becov (N51/P67) and Nova Ves. This dump has been in use since the fall of 1.949. The military guard is supplied altornately by a unit of the 13th Division Located in Dvory (N51/P58) and by the 50th Regiment. A new group of guards is brought by truck once a week from Dolni Hluboka and they are supplied with dry rations.
- 7. Officers of the 50th Infantry Regiment are:
 - a. Commanding Officer Major Ditschov, born about 1904; a fanatical Commumist; now attending school.
 - Acting Commanding Staff Capt. Hachala, who will eventually become Deputy Commanding Officer and Chief of Staff. He Officer was bown about 1910 and is a fanatical Communist.
 - Capt. Meperery, born about 1916; a fanatical c. Enlighterment Officer Communist.
 - Supply Officer Capt. Petr Lakusy, a Slovak, born about 1905; a fanatical Communist.
 - Quartermaster Lt. Berka*, born about 1916; not a convinced Communist although a party member.
 - f. Armament Officer 1st Lt. Hiksa, born about 1905; a fanatical Communist.

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g.	DOZ Officer	Stuff Capt. Krizek, born about 1908; a fanabical Communist.
h,	Deputy DOZ Officer	Reserve Lt. Spajcher, born about 1926; a fanatical Communist.
or o	Commanding Office: of let Infantry Company (until 1 July 1950)	Lt. Prikryl, transferred to Army Unit No. 1575 at Cheb. New commercing officer not known.
je	Commanding Officer of 2nd Infantry Company (until 1 July 1950)	Lt. Pencik, transferred to Chob. New commanding officer not known.
ĸ.	Commending Officer of 3rd Infantry Company	Cayt. Bem, born about 1912; a fanatical Communist.
.£.	Commanding Officer of Heavy Machine Gun Company	It. Remarks bown about 1925; a fanatical Communist

- Commanding Officer of Lt. Parenck, a Slovak, born about 1922; not a Sub-machine Gun Company convinced Communist but a party number.
- Commanding Officer of Lt. Vales. Heavy Weapons Company
- Commanding Officer of Major Toular, bown about 1904; a fanatical Communist. Supplementary Com, and The fermer commanding officer was Staff Capt. Kraml who was imprisoned in February 1950 in connection with an espionage case which involved the alleged discovery of weapons in a monastery in Hesto Tepla.
- Leader of Company of Lt. Jan Jakubov, born abour 1924; a party member Commending Officer (sic)for a number of years but not a fanatical Communist.
- Commanding Officer of Rat It. Kenr, born about 1923; a fanatical Communist. Technical Company

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Comment: Berka's rank was given as "Serg. Lin. Berka".

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